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on Victoria Nyanza, and thence made a detour to the northeast, north and northwest, finally reaching Gondokoro and a steamer for Khartum. His explorations were well made and well worth while. His book contains a detailed map of his ascent of Mt. Elgon and of the vast expanse of its crater. For most of the way to the northwest of Elgon he broke new ground through the East African steppe and grasslands. He is the first to give an account of the Natua, Tobur and Kamjuru tribes. He brought home considerable collections illustrating flora, fauna and native handiwork. He had a good scientific and photographic outfit with the result that his surveys will add important detail to our maps. It was his own private enterprise, though costing much money; and Mr. Kmunke is to be congratulated on the gap he has helped to fill in Central Africa and the handsomely illustrated and interesting book he has produced.

Laite's Commercial Blue Book for South Africa. 1914. A Practical and Comprehensive Book of Reference on South African Trade. Compiled and edited by W. J. Laite. 591 pp. Map, index. South African Publishers, Ltd., Cape Town, 1915. 3s. 6d. 8½ x 5½.

This book will be useful to all who are closely concerned with the industrial and commercial activities of the Union of South Africa. It gives concisely a great variety of economic information. It is the fullest compendium published of the facts and figures relating to the trade of the Union. Many of the articles are of much interest also to geographers and the public generally, such as the papers on afforestation, land settlement, meteorology and climate, game lands, the present status of irrigation, cost of living, wages, manufactures, etc. It contains a good map, on a large scale, showing railroads and the distribution of minerals, live stock and farm products. It is expected to issue the book annually.

ASIA

Travel and Politics in Armenia. By Noel and Harold Buxton. With a contribution on Armenian history and culture by A. Raffi. xiv and 274 pp. Map, ills. The Macmillan Co., New York, 1914. \$1.50. 7½ x 5.

The gradual shifting of Near Eastern problems to Asia Minor makes this book timely. A remarkably accurate impression of the Armenian upland may be derived from these descriptions. The insertion of travel and historical sketches under the same cover affords insight into existing conditions and their former setting.

With the Russian Pilgrims to Jerusalem. By Stephen Graham. x and 306 pp. Map, ills. The Macmillan Co., New York, 1913. \$2.75. 9 x 6.

"The journey of the Russian peasants to Jerusalem," writes Mr. Graham, "has never been described before in any language, not even in Russian. Yet it is the most significant thing in the Russian life of to-day. In the story lies a great national epic.

"All the year round, in twenties and fifties, the pilgrims trickle to Jerusalem, and every year at Christmas and in Lent they come in great numbers. It is entirely a matter of the peasants; there are no clean middle or upper class people there at all. Fortunately, the dirt, the hardship, and the strict Lenten fare are an insuperable obstacle for the sightseers and the merely curious.

"But why does the peasant make the pilgrimage? . . . I asked many pilgrims the question and some could not answer, some would not. They knew not why they came, some force deep in them urged them—a force much deeper than their power of articulation."

Thus, in order to see and understand the pilgrimage, one must become a pilgrim. Mr. Graham became a pilgrim. With the Russian peasant pilgrims he journeyed in disguise, to all appearances one of themselves. He experienced all their hardships and joys. He was one of them, one among 7,000 pilgrims at Jerusalem.

Mr. Graham tells of his pilgrimage, of the people whom he met, of the reli-

gious rites and ceremonies performed at the Holy City and throughout Palestine, made sacred by Jesus Christ. The charm of his style alone would make the book of value. Numerous photographs and two maps showing the route of the pilgrims complete a work of much interest. WILBUR GREELEY BURROUGHS.

Reisen und Forschungen im westlichen Kleinasien. Von Dr. Alfred Philippson. I. Heft: Einleitung—Das westliche Mysien und die pergamenische Landschaft. 104 pp. II. Heft: Ionien und das westliche Lydien. 100 pp. III. Heft: Das östliche Mysien und die benachbarten Teile von Phrygien und Bithynien. 129 pp. Maps and ills. in each. *Ergänzungshefte Nos. 167, 172 and 177, zu Petermanns Mitteilungen.* Gotha, 1910, 1911, 1913. Mk. 12 each. 11 x 7½ each.

This book is an admirable summary of present geographical and geological knowledge of the extreme western part of Asia Minor. It is a book of travel in the sense that it gives consecutive accounts of the author's many journeys, but it also contains valuable summaries which enable the reader to obtain a general view of the various small districts into which the author divides the country. Professor Philippson has devoted many years to the countries bordering on the Ægean Sea. He is primarily interested in geology, and as he takes the reader from place to place he gives a large amount of geological detail. To this, however, he adds abundant notes on land forms, and a considerable amount of information on crops, products, and various other matters. It is safe to say that from the purely geographical point of view no work has yet been published which gives such full and exact information on this particular part of the Turkish Empire. The region discussed is historically of much importance, for on the borders of its deep fiords, on the floors of its waste-filled valleys, and among the mountainous islands of its coast the ancient Greeks developed their great Ionian civilization. Geologically as well as historically one of the chief problems is the relation of western Asia Minor to the Greek islands and to Greece itself. Professor Philippson shows how the fault system and other structural features of the eastern Ægean extend out into the sea and over toward Greece. One of the most valuable features of his book is an excellent geological map of a region hitherto known but slightly. ELLSWORTH HUNTINGTON.

The Holy Land of Asia Minor. The Seven Cities of the Book of Revelation, their present appearance, their history, their significance, and their message to the church of to-day. By Rev. Francis E. Clark. xx and 154 pp. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1914. \$1. 7½ x 5.

Largely an informing and interesting record of the author's personal experiences and conclusions, especially in the western part of Asia Minor where Paul, Timothy, John, Mark, Irenæus and Polycarp made their toilsome way and where "Christianity received its earliest development as a universal religion."

A Syrian Pilgrimage. By John B. Ascham. 203 pp. Ills., index. The Methodist Book Concern, New York, 1914. \$1.25. 7½ x 5.

A clergyman's account of his tour of Palestine in 1913. He had the advantage of making the trip with the American School of Oriental Research. The author's descriptions and impressions are thoughtful and informing. The book has no map of Palestine or plan of Jerusalem, though every reader should have them before him. The author says:

"There is but one way to see Palestine. The tourist who cannot ride horseback and sleep in tents; who cannot suffer thirst, hunger, and fatigue; who is unable to endure extremes of heat, rain, and cold; whose health demands a Western diet—will not be able to obtain a comprehensive view of Syria. There are few carriage roads in Palestine. No adequate impression of the land is obtainable by carriage. The traveler must submit to the inconveniences of a camping tour, or he will return from the Holy Land with partial and misformed conceptions of the country and people."